

# DISTRICT II NEWS



## Community Police: The **STRENGTH** of a **COMMUNITY!**

In December Officer Michael Lloyd was contacted by Gretchen Freeman from Stratford East Apartments about a new family that had moved into the complex. The family was from Bulgaria and had recently moved to the U.S. The father was an aerospace engineer in their home country but he was not able to find work in Wichita because he was over qualified. Mr. Atansov did find a job working on the receiving dock at Dillards. He also took a second job delivering pizza to provide for his family. Mrs.

Freeman was concerned because there are two children living in the home and she did not believe that they would have a good Christmas. She asked Officer Lloyd if there was anything that WPD could do. Officer Lloyd contacted Patrol East Community Policing team about the family request he had from Mrs. Freeman. Additionally, Officer Valerie Shirkey was made aware of a family that was also in need. Faith is a 44 year old single mother of a 12 year old son named Timothy. Faith has cancer and has been traveling to

Kansas City for her chemotherapy. During school Timothy was asked what he wanted for Christmas and his only response was for his mother to get better. Due to the fact that Faith has to travel and pay for the treatments out of pocket there was not much money left to go toward Christmas for Timothy. Officer Lloyd and Officer Shirkey decided that any resources obtained would be divided amongst both families. The team had one week to identify and collect resources. During the week of Christmas, Officers

from the team made two deliveries surprising both families with gifts. The Community Policing team and members of the community came together to help two families in need on a very short notice. None of the businesses had to think twice about making donations and the members of the team showed devotion to the citizens by organizing the efforts. Our hats go off to the people who diligently work to affect change in the Quality of Life for the District II community! Way to go!

### What's going on in District II?

**New Fire Station**—After lengthy discussion the District II community has been selected as the first area to receive a new fire station. Discussions are underway regarding the location of the station, as well as when the construction will begin. We will keep you posted as more information is developed.

**New Park**—Plans are underway for a new park for the District II community at Central and Greenwich, stay tuned for more information.

The District Advisory Board and Council Member Schlapp have worked hard to accomplish these projects.



### Environmental Services

District II is one of the districts with the lowest number of environmental code violations in the city.

Environmental Services handles code violations such as tall grass and

weeds, accumulation of trash, bulky waste, inoperable vehicles, illegal dumping and much more.

City staff is actively working 79 pending cases to ensure that our neighbor-

hoods are preserved and provide an environment for people to live, work, and play.

If you have concerns, contact Environmental Services at 268-8351.

## District II Advisory Board

The District Advisory Board (DAB) serves as representatives of the community to provide citizen feedback to Council Member Schlapp.

The District Advisory Board consists of 11 members appointed by the Council Member.

The DAB members provide feedback and input on City policies, programs and projects as well as assist with issues ranging from large items, such as the City operating budget, to specific

zoning cases impacting a neighborhood. The DAB meets in the evenings to provide citizens with easy access to local government. In addition, DABs develop goals and special projects to



directly impact the neighborhoods in the district.

### **District Advisory Board Meeting**

Rockwell Branch Library  
5939 E. 9th Street North  
7:00 p.m.

Meets the 1st Monday of every month.

### **2007 Meeting Schedule**

3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/10, 10/1, 11/5,  
and 12/3

For updates visit [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov)

## District II Breakfast

Please join Council Member Sue Schlapp and a distinguished guest speaker on the 1st Saturday of every month for breakfast.

The purpose of the breakfast is to provide constituents with the opportunity to discuss topics of interest. This breakfast also provides an opportunity for citizens to engage in dialogue with Council Member Schlapp, City staff, neighborhood leaders, and residents from neighboring communities.



### **District II Breakfast**

Via Christi Hospital  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
1151 N. Rock Road  
9 a.m.

### **2007 Breakfast Schedule**

3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/8, 10/6,  
11/3, and 12/1

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*Join Us—All are Welcome!*

*Come join us and bring a friend to the next*

*District Advisory Board Meeting & Breakfast.*

*See you there!*

## Construction: Please bear with us...

We understand the disruption that construction brings to a community and apologize for the inconvenience.

Council Member Schlapp and City staff are diligently working to ensure that the construction is completed as timely and efficiently as possible.

There are several construction projects that impact the residents in

District II. Listed below are the current projects.

### **Kellogg & Rock**

**(Interchange):** This project is scheduled to begin 2/5/07.

**Central , from Oliver to Woodlawn**

**Central, from Woodlawn to Rock**

### **Greenwich Road, 27th –29th**

Please visit the City website for details.

[www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/  
PublicWorks](http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/PublicWorks)



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### *Your Connection*

LaShonda Porter is your Neighborhood Assistant. As your Neighborhood Assistant I am tasked with building, maintaining, and preserving stable, healthy and livable neighborhoods in the City of Wichita in partnership with community stakeholders. I am also here to keep the community informed, help identify resources, and communicate the needs of the community to Council Member Schlapp and City staff.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



## *Ask Sue?*

*"Here to serve the community!"*

Do you have questions for me? Would you like me to attend your Neighborhood or Homeowners Association meeting?

Give me a call at 268-4331 or send an e-mail to: [sschlapp@wichita.gov](mailto:sschlapp@wichita.gov)

I look forward to hearing from each of you in the near future and welcome you to join us at our monthly District Advisory Board meeting or breakfast.

Hope to see you soon!



Prem Bajaj  
Raj Bajaj  
Dina Patton  
Christina Wheeland  
Parson  
Hip  
Aaron Mayes

Congratulations to the District II residents who graduated from the City of Wichita Citizen Academy Class of 2006.

### *District II Distribution List*

If you are interested in being added to our distribution list please call or send an e-mail to LaShonda Porter. If you know of anyone who would like to be on the distribution list for District II please forward them this information as well.

*Being informed is essential to change!*